(b) As on 31st December 2002, the anticipated increase in the cost of projects monitored by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation on account of cost and time overruns was of the order of Rs.46,518 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The measures taken with a view to completion of projects within the approved time and cost parameters are as follows:

(i) Adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of project reports before investment approval;

(ii) taking up of projects for implementation only after funds have fully been tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects by the Government on monthly/ quarterly basis;

(iv) Follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to acquisition of land, rehabilitation-related issues, forest clearances, provision of infrastructure facilities and ensuring law & order at project sittes;

(v) setting up of Empowered Committees in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving outstanding problems;

(vii) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(viii) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(ix) issuance of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

Work under MPLADS in Madhya Pradesh

†2471. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals regarding works sanctioned under

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

MPLADS in Madhya Pradesh alongwith the amount released for the same;

(b) the details of the utilisation of funds provided under MPLADS to Members of Parliaments from Madhya Pradesh during the last three years and the purpose for which the said amount was utilised; and

(c) the complaints received by Government regarding utilisation of funds provided under MPLADS alongwith the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) As per information received from district authorities upto 28.2.2003, a total of 41,454 works at an estimated cost of Rs. 52,959 lakh have been sanctioned under MPLADS in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Percentage utilisation of MPLADS funds in the State of Madhya Pradesh in the last three years is given below:

As on	Percentage Utilisation
31.3.2001	70.2%
31.3.2002	79.8%
28.2.2003	83.0%

The funds have been utilised on various projects taken up under the Scheme. The details of the types of projects taken up are available in the districts.

(c) Three complaints about misuse of MPLAD funds were received from Members of Parliament from the State of Madhya Pradesh. As and when such complaints are received, these are referred to the State Governments/Heads of the Districts concerned for appropriate action.